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Docket No. GC372

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In re Application of)	
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Timothy Fowler et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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Serial No. 08/876,132)	
)	Examiner: Daniel M. Sullivan
Filed: June 23, 1997)	
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For: Improved <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>)	
Fermentation Strains)	

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information (listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto) of which they are aware, that they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

- (a) ☐ accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. 37 CFR §1.97(a).
- (b) ☐ is filed within three months after the filing date of the application or within three months after the date of entry into the national stage of a PCT application as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.
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Those patent(s) or publication(s) on the attached Form PTO-1449 marked with an * are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in Serial No. 08/876,132 filed August 24, 1998.

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Respectfully submitted,

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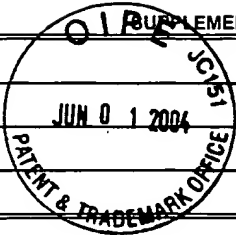
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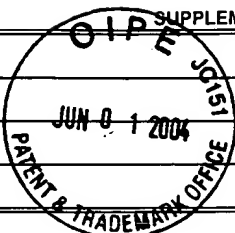
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